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Memorandum For: Lisa Ballance, Director, Protected Resources Division, SWFSC
Scott Benson, Research Fishery Biologist, SWFSC
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From: Siri Hakala, SWFSC/PIFSC IACUC Chair

Subject: IACUC Letter of Assurance

On behalf of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center/ Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Animal Care and Use Assurance request entitled "Ocean capture research of leatherback turtles in US West Coast waters." (IACUC number SWPI2011-01) has been approved. The Committee convened on the 18th of January 2011 for its final review of your assurance form where it was approved pending revisions. The committee has decided that the subsequent revisions adequately addressed the areas in question. This letter is an assurance of compliance of SWPI2011-01 with the Animal Welfare Act and National Marine Fisheries Service IACUC policies.

The IACUC approval is valid for a period of three years; expiring on the 18th of May 2014. An annual report is required to be submitted at the end of each November during this period. Any modifications to the protocols, personnel, species, or sample size listed in the approved form must be submitted to the IACUC for reassessment.

A PDF copy of the signed assurance form will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Marisa Trego, our IACUC coordinator, at marisa.trego@noaa.gov.

